

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Confirmation No. 7620
Brad St. Croix, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1643
Serial No. 10/519,805) Examiner: M. Natarajan
Filed: December 13, 2005) Atty Docket: 001107.00527
For: Secreted and Cytoplasmic Tumor)
Endothelial Markers)

AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2008, applicants amend the claims and request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office reconsider the patentability of the claims in view of the prior art. Claims 23-24 are elected and examined with regard to the protein known as secreted protein, acidic, cysteine-rich (osteonectin).

Please extend the time for responding to September 18, 2008, *i.e.*, for three months.

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